(g) Out of 1946 candidates called for the second written test, 412 belonged to Scheduled Caste and 215 belonged to Scheduled Tribe communities. However, the statistics for backward classes as such are not maintained .

Statement

(e) CID State Police made inquiries on the basis of an F.I.R. lodged by Railway Recruitment Board, Madras that during the examination, one candidate was found copying from a small chit which contained the answers to the objective type of questions for the examination and leakage of question papers was suspected in connivance with some persons. After inquiries, CID State Police closed the case as "mistake of facts" on the ground that it was only a solitary case and the connivance of the persons named in the F.I.R. in the leakage of the question papers could not be established. However, subsequent vigilance inquiries conducted on receipt of fresh complaints and information revealed that this was not a solitary case but answers of a large proportion of the top candidates were found to be the same as contained in the recovered chit. Even then the process of selection was continued by holding interviews of the candidates who qualified for the same. But during the interview, it was noticed that the performance of a large number of candidates was grossly incompatible with their performance in the written test.

It was, therefore decided that a second written examination for the candidates who had qualified for interview, may be held, which, while providing equal opportunities to these candidates to complete, will also ensure fair selection in the public interest. Accordingly, the Railway Recruitment Board, Madras issued orders for the second written examination.

Instructions for fire protection measures Issued by CSIR

3571. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research had issued instructions to various Government Departments in or around April, 1990 for taking various fire protection measures;

(b) whether the CSIR had suggested among other fire safety measures the use of fire protection doors and windows to be used in multi-stroyed buildings of the Government and in various other public premises;

(c) whether CSIR's instructions in the matter have not been acted upon by a number of Government agencies so far;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what further steps are being taken to get the fire safety rules followed and to use fire protection doors and windows ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research had not conveyed any instructions of the Government in relation to fire protection and fire safety measures. In April, 1990 the CSIR brought to the notice of the various Ministries and Departments of the Government of India the technologies available from the CSIR laboratories in these areas. Such technologies include fire treatment of doors, windows and partitions made of wood, Glass Reinforced Gypsum Boards as a substitute for wood and fire-proofing of thatched roofs.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

3572. [*Transferred to the 6th September,* 1990.]

Social welfare projects/Activities carried on by Catholic Relief Services

3573. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the various social welfare projects/activities carried on in different parts of the country by the Catholic Relief Services, a voluntary organisation based in New Delhi; and whether certain allegations of misuse of funds and materials by them have been reported recently in the press;

(b) the total foreign amounts received by this organisation from the USA annually and what check is exercised by the Government to ensure proper utilisation of the money received by them; and